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1. WE PLAN TO NOTIFY ZAWAWI OR AL-ALAWI OF FOREIGN MINISTRY IN COMING WEEK OF DATES (REF A) FOR PROJECTED SIX P-3 VISITS TO MASIRAH FOR FIRST QUARTER OF CY 1977. AS IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THEY WILL TAKE OCCASION TO QUESTION US ABOUT PROGRESS IN USG CONSIDERATION OF POST-MARCH 1977 USE OF THE ISLAND AND OF WHAT WE MIGHT OFFER IN RETURN, WE WOULD WELCOME ANY INFORMATION DEPT IS IN POSITION TO PROVIDE ON DEGREE TO WHICH USG THINKING IS CRYSTALLIZING ON THIS MATTER.

2. WHILE OMANIS HAVE NOT SHED THEIR EAGERNESS TO NEGOTIATE WITH RS REGARDING MASIREH, THEY PROBABLY HAVE CONCLUDED WE ARE UNLIKELY TO WANT TO GET DOWN TO BUSINESS WITH THEM UNTIL SOMETIME AFTER JANUARY 20. IT IS OUR JUDGMENT, THEREFORE, THAT THEY WILL INTERJECT NO OBSTACLE TO OUR PROJECTED JANUARY-MARCH VISIT DATES, THOUGH THEY MAY BE CURIOUS AS TO WHY FOUR OF THE SIX VISITS WILL OCCUR WITHIN TWO-WEEK
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SPAN FROM FEB 7-21. IN LATTER CONNECTION, DEPI MAY WANT TO PASS TO APPROPRIATE MILITARY ADDRESSEES THE INFO EMBASY LONDON OBTAINED (REF B PARA 2) CONCERNING FEBRUARY GAP IN MASIRAH MILITARY MEDICAL SERVICES, TO WHICH WE CAN ADD THAT STARTUP OF OMANI CIVILIAN HOSPITAL THERE WILL PROBABLY BE DELAYED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS OR MORE.

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